



# 97th AIR MOBILITY WING

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## COLONEL MARK S. SOLO

Col. Mark S. Solo is commander of the 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Okla. As commander, he is responsible for the formal training of all strategic airlift and aerial refueling active duty, Guard and Reserve aircrews, while maintaining worldwide capability to augment Global Reach contingency support.

Colonel Solo was commissioned in 1978 after being named a distinguished graduate in the ROTC program at Michigan State University. He has served in a number of operational positions. He is a command pilot with 4,600 flying hours in the C-141, C-5 and C-17.



### **EDUCATION:**

1978 - Bachelor of arts degree in social science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich.

1984 - Squadron Officers School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1986 - Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (Seminar).

1987 - Master of arts degree in international relations, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.

1988 - Master of arts degree in management, Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.

1990 - Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.

1995 - Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (Seminar).

1997 - Master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. April 1979 - April 1980, undergraduate pilot training, Reese Air Force Base, Texas.
2. September 1980 - October 1985, C-141 aircraft commander, 7<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
3. October 1985 - November 1986, protocol officer, Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
4. November 1986 - December 1987, chief of military entitlements, Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
5. December 1987 - July 1989, chief of officer retention, Military Airlift Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
6. July 1989 - March 1990, student, Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk Naval Base, Va.
7. March 1990 - September 1991, chief pilot, 8<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.

8. September 1991 - August 1993, chief of wing safety, 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
9. August 1993 - April 1994, operations officer, 60<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
10. April 1994 - October 1994, operations officer, 21<sup>st</sup> Airlift Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
11. October 1994 - August 1996, commander, 22<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Squadron, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.
12. August 1996 - July 1997, student, Naval War College, Newport, R.I.
13. July 1997 - June 1999, deputy chief of political-military affairs division, J-5, USCENTCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.
14. June 1999 - January 2000, deputy commander, 436<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, Dover Air Force Base, Del.
15. January 2000 - October 2001, commander, 436<sup>th</sup> Operations Group, Dover Air Force Base, Del.
16. October 2001 - March 2002, chief, mobility division, Joint Staff J-4, the Pentagon.
17. March 2002 - August 2003, chief, Joint Logistics Operations Center, Joint Staff, the Pentagon.
18. August 2003 - Present, commander, 97th Air Mobility Wing, Altus Air Force Base, Okla.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: More than 4,600

Aircraft Flown: C-141, C-5, C-17

**MAJOR AWARDS:**

Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal

Army Commendation Medal

**EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	June 10, 1978
First Lieutenant	December 10, 1980
Captain	December 10, 1982
Major	December 1, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel	March 1, 1994
Colonel	September 1, 1998

(Current as of August 2003)